

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1872, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. SCHRADER OF OREGON**

At the end add the following new title:

1   **TITLE IV—HOLDING CONGRESS**  
2                           **ACCOUNTABLE**

3   **SEC. 401. SHORT TITLE.**

4           This title may be cited as the “Hold Congress Ac-  
5   countable Act”.

6   **SEC. 402. REQUIRING REDUCTION OF PAY OF MEMBERS OF**  
7                           **CONGRESS IF GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN OC-**  
8                           **CURS.**

9           (a) REDUCTION OF PAY FOR EACH DAY OF GOVERN-  
10   MENT SHUTDOWN.—If on any day during a year a Gov-  
11   ernment shutdown is in effect, the annual rate of pay ap-  
12   plicable under section 601(a) of the Legislative Reorga-  
13   nization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 31) with respect to each  
14   Member of Congress for the year shall be reduced by an  
15   amount equal to the product of—

16           (1) an amount equal to one day’s worth of pay  
17           under such annual rate; and

18           (2) the number of 24-hour periods during which  
19           the Government shutdown is in effect.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with  
2 respect to days occurring after the date of the regularly  
3 scheduled general election for Federal office held in No-  
4 vember 2014.

5 **SEC. 403. SPECIAL RULE FOR ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH**  
6 **CONGRESS.**

7 (a) HOLDING SALARIES IN ESCROW.—If on any day  
8 during the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress a Govern-  
9 ment shutdown is in effect, the payroll administrator of  
10 that House of Congress shall—

11 (1) withhold from the payments otherwise re-  
12 quired to be made with respect to a pay period for  
13 the compensation of each Member of Congress who  
14 serves in that House of Congress an amount equal  
15 to the product of—

16 (A) an amount equal to one day's worth of  
17 pay under the annual rate of pay applicable to  
18 the Member under section 601(a) of the Legis-  
19 lative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C.  
20 31), and

21 (B) the number of 24-hour periods during  
22 which the Government shutdown is in effect  
23 which occur during the pay period; and

24 (2) deposit in an escrow account all amounts  
25 withheld under paragraph (1).

1       (b) RELEASE OF AMOUNTS AT END OF THE CON-  
2 GRESS.—In order to ensure that this section is carried out  
3 in a manner that shall not vary the compensation of Sen-  
4 ators or Representatives in violation of the twenty-seventh  
5 article of amendment to the Constitution of the United  
6 States, the payroll administrator of a House of Congress  
7 shall release for payments to Members of that House of  
8 Congress any amounts remaining in any escrow account  
9 under this section on the last day of the One Hundred  
10 Thirteenth Congress.

11       (c) ROLE OF SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.—The  
12 Secretary of the Treasury shall provide the payroll admin-  
13 istrators of the Houses of Congress with such assistance  
14 as may be necessary to enable the payroll administrators  
15 to carry out this section.

16       (d) PAYROLL ADMINISTRATOR DEFINED.—In this  
17 section, the “payroll administrator” of a House of Con-  
18 gress means—

19           (1) in the case of the House of Representatives,  
20       the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of  
21       Representatives, or an employee of the Office of the  
22       Chief Administrative Officer who is designated by  
23       the Chief Administrative Officer to carry out this  
24       section; and

1           (2) in the case of the Senate, the Secretary of  
2           the Senate, or an employee of the Office of the Sec-  
3           retary of the Senate who is designated by the Sec-  
4           retary to carry out this section.

5           (e) EXCEPTION FOR DAYS OCCURRING AFTER GEN-  
6           ERAL ELECTION.—This section does not apply with re-  
7           spect to any day during the One Hundred Thirteenth Con-  
8           gress which occurs after the date of the regularly sched-  
9           uled general election for Federal office held in November  
10          2014.

11       **SEC. 404. DETERMINATION OF GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN.**

12          For purposes of this title, a Government shutdown  
13          shall be considered to be in effect if there is a lapse in  
14          appropriations for any Federal agency or department as  
15          a result of a failure to enact a regular appropriations bill  
16          or continuing resolution.

17       **SEC. 405. MEMBER OF CONGRESS DEFINED.**

18          In this title, the term “Member of Congress” means  
19          an individual serving in a position under subparagraph  
20          (A), (B), or (C) of section 601(a) of the Legislative Reor-  
21          ganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 31).

